

SPORTS ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM AND APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY

Ninth and eighth grade boys have the option to pursue a Sports Alternative during one interscholastic athletic season each school year.

PHILOSOPHY

The Sports Alternative Program is intended to give boys the opportunity to pursue an activity Fenn may not offer or which can only be pursued during regular school hours. The alternative must be related to or have an athletic component. In the past boys have pursued such alternatives as crew, fencing, golf, skiing, and squash. The program is seen as the opportunity for boys to develop skill increase passion in an area which they are likely to pursue in secondary school and to have designated time to work with an instructor in a supervised setting.

The program selected should take place a minimum of three days per week, Monday through Friday. Instruction is seen as an integral part of the Sports Alternative Program and is an expectation for at least part of the time. The program should also take place during the regular upper school sports period (3:15-4:45 PM) if possible. In the case of a night activity such as skiing, boys should make arrangements to be picked up at 3:15 PM to study at home in the afternoon before leaving for the activity.

SPECIFIC EXCEPTIONS

Sports Alternative projects which are not typically considered are workout weight training, personal training, and skiing that is entirely recreational. Also not considered are activities carried out on the campus under the supervision of a Fenn teacher, any form of employment, for which a boy is compensated, sports that are offered at Fenn that season, or team sports offered at Fenn during any season.

PROCEDURE

Candidates interested in the Sports Alternatives Program should obtain the correct form from the Director of Athletics or from the MyFenn parent portal of the Fenn website and submit it to him before or on the announced date for each season. Particular care should be taken to describe the activity and plans for transportation. Parents should sign the form in addition to the candidate.

The Sports Alternatives Committee, which is comprised of the Director of Athletics, the Upper School Head, an upper school teacher, and the Headmaster as needed, meets to evaluate requests as they arrive. The Director of Athletics will communicate approval or non-approval along with the appropriate context to each boy and family.

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I. Please describe the activity you plan to pursue. Please include the location of the activity.

II. Why is this particular activity of interest to you?

III. Specifically, what do you expect to accomplish? What established skills and passion might you deepen and what new ones might you develop?

IV. Who will be your supervisor or instructor? Please give name, email address, and phone number.

IV. What will your routine be after school on the days you are pursuing your activity?

V. How many days per week will you be pursuing your activity and which days?

Student signature

Parent signature
(I support my son's Sports Alternative)